

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A digital recording apparatus comprises compression means for performing, every time a signal corresponding to one field is inputted, compression processing using a compression rate stored in a by-channel compression rate storage area, corresponding to the inputted signal, in storage means, and compression rate control means for updating, every time the signal corresponding to one field has been compressed by the compression means, the compression rate stored in the by-channel compression rate storage area, corresponding to the inputted signal, in the storage means to such a value that an amount of coding after the compression approaches a predetermined target amount of coding on the basis of the amount of coding after the compression and the target amount of coding.